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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF UTAH, NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SAID EL BOUAZZAOUI,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:19-CR-00036 JNP

STATEMENT BY DEFENDANT IN  
ADVANCE OF PLEA OF GUILTY  
AND PLEA AGREEMENT

Judge Jill N. Parrish

I hereby acknowledge and certify that I have been advised of and that I understand the following facts and rights, and that I have had the assistance of counsel in reviewing, explaining, and entering into this agreement:

1. As part of this agreement with the United States of America ("United States"), I intend to plead guilty to Count I of the Felony Information. My attorney has explained the nature of the charge against me, and I have had an opportunity to discuss the nature of the charge with my attorney. I understand the charge and what the United States is required to prove in order to convict me. The elements of Count I, Use of Interstate Facilities to Transmit Information about a Minor are:

- (1) That I used a facility of interstate commerce; specifically, the internet;
- (2) That I knowingly initiated a transmission of the name or electronic mail address of another individual, knowing that individual had not attained the age of 16 years; and
- (3) That I had the intent to entice, encourage, offer, or solicit any person, to engage in any sexual activity for which I could be charged with a criminal offense, or I attempted to do so.

2. I know that the maximum possible penalty provided by law for Count I of the Felony Information, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2425, is a term of imprisonment of up to 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, a term of supervised release of five (5) years and up to life, and any applicable forfeiture. I understand that if I violate a term or condition of supervised release, I can be returned to prison for the length of time provided in 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(3).

a. Additionally, I know the Court is required to impose an assessment in the amount of \$100 for each offense of conviction, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013.

b. I understand that, if I am not a United States citizen, I may be removed from the United States, denied citizenship, and denied admission to the United States in the future.

3. I know that the sentencing procedures in this case and the ultimate sentence will be determined pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), and that the Court must consider, but is not bound by, the United States Sentencing Guidelines, in determining my sentence. I have discussed these procedures with my attorney. I also know that the final calculation of my sentence by the Court may differ from any calculation the United States, my attorney, or I may have made, and I will not be able to withdraw my plea if this occurs.

4. I know that I can be represented by an attorney at every stage of the proceeding, and I know that if I cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed to represent me.

5. I know that I have a right to plead "Not Guilty" or maintain my earlier plea of "Not Guilty" and can have a trial on the charges against me.

6. I know that I have a right to a trial by jury, and I know that if I stand trial by a jury:

a. I have a right to the assistance of counsel at every stage of the proceeding.

b. I have a right to see and observe the witnesses who testify against me.

c. My attorney can cross-examine all witnesses who testify against me.

d. I can call witnesses to testify at trial, and I can obtain subpoenas to require the attendance and testimony of those witnesses. If I cannot afford to pay for the appearance of a witness and mileage fees, the United States will pay them.

e. I cannot be forced to incriminate myself, and I do not have to testify at any trial.

f. If I do not want to testify, the jury will be told that no inference adverse to me may be drawn from my election not to testify.

g. The United States must prove each and every element of the offense charged against me beyond a reasonable doubt.

h. It requires a unanimous verdict of a jury to convict me.

i. If I were to be convicted, I could appeal, and if I could not afford to appeal, the United States would pay the costs of the appeal, including the services of appointed counsel.

7. If I plead guilty, I will not have a trial of any kind.

8. I know that 18 U.S.C. § 3742(a) sets forth the circumstances under which I may appeal my sentence. However, fully understanding my right to appeal my sentence, and in consideration of the concessions and/or commitments made by the United States in this plea agreement, I knowingly, voluntarily and expressly waive my right to appeal as set forth in paragraph 12 below.

9. I know that 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b) sets forth the circumstances under which the United States may appeal my sentence.

10. I know that under a plea of guilty the judge may ask me questions under oath about the offense. The questions, if asked on the record and in the presence of counsel, must be answered truthfully and, if I give false answers, I can be prosecuted for perjury.

11. I stipulate and agree that the following facts accurately describe my conduct. These facts provide a basis for the Court to accept my guilty plea:

On or about and between March 18, 2019, in the Northern Division of the District of Utah, I knowingly transmitted the name of a minor (who was in fact an undercover officer posing as a 13 year old female) using the internet, a facility of interstate commerce. I believed that this minor was 13 years old at the time of the transmissions. In the transmissions, I specifically suggested to the minor that we would engage in sexual acts, including sexual intercourse, when we met. In these transmissions, I intended to entice, encourage, offer, or solicit this minor to engage in sexual activity for which I could be charged with a criminal offense under Utah, or federal law. These actions were done in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2425.

I know this conduct violated Count I of the Felony Information.

12. The only terms and conditions pertaining to this plea agreement between me and the United States are as follows:

- a. **Guilty Plea.** I will plead guilty to Count I of the Felony Information.
- b. **Supervised Release.** There is no agreement between the parties as to the term of supervised release to be imposed by the Court.
- c. **Dismissal of Counts.** The United States agrees to move for leave to dismiss Count I of the Indictment at the time of sentencing.
- d. **Relevant Conduct.** I understand and agree that the Presentence Report may include descriptions of conduct I engaged in which either was not charged against me, will not be pleaded to by me, or both. I understand and agree that the Court may take these facts into consideration in sentencing.
- e. **Acceptance of Responsibility.** The United States agrees to recommend that my offense level under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines be decreased by two levels for acceptance of responsibility pursuant to Sentencing Guideline § 3E1.1(a) if, in the opinion of the United States, I clearly demonstrate acceptance of responsibility for my offense, up to and including at the time of sentencing, as set forth in § 3E1.1 of the Sentencing Guidelines. In addition, the United States agrees to move for an additional one-level reduction in the offense level, in accordance with Sentencing Guideline § 3E1.1(b), if I qualify for a two-level reduction under § 3E1.1(a) and the offense level is 16 or greater prior to receiving the two-level reduction.

f. **Appeal Waiver.**

(1) Fully understanding my limited right to appeal my sentence, as explained above in paragraph 8, and in consideration of the concessions and/or commitments made by the United States in this plea agreement, I knowingly, voluntarily, and expressly waive my right to appeal any sentence imposed upon me, and the manner in which the sentence is determined, on any of the grounds set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742 or on any ground whatever, except I do not waive my right to appeal (1) a sentence above the maximum penalty provided in the statute of conviction as set forth in paragraph 2 above; and (2) a sentence above the high-end of the guideline range as determined by the district court at sentencing, or, in the event that no such determination is made by the district court, a sentence above the high-end of the guideline range as set forth in the final presentence report.

(2) I also knowingly, voluntarily, and expressly waive my right to challenge my sentence, and the manner in which the sentence is determined, in any collateral review motion, writ or other procedure, including but not limited to a motion brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, except on the issue of ineffective assistance of counsel.

(3) I understand that this waiver of my appeal and collateral review rights concerning my sentence shall not affect the United States' right to appeal my sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b). However, I understand that the United States agrees that if it appeals my sentence, I am released from my waiver.

(4) I further understand and agree that the word "sentence" appearing throughout this waiver provision is being used broadly and applies to all aspects of the Court's sentencing authority, including, but not limited to: (1) sentencing determinations; (2) the imposition of imprisonment, fines, supervised release, probation, and any specific terms and conditions thereof; and (3) any orders of restitution.

**g. Presentence Report and Financial Information.** I agree to provide truthful and complete information, including financial information, as requested by the probation office for the preparation of my presentence report and for determination of the conditions of my supervised release. I also consent to allowing the United States Attorney's Office to run a credit check on me. I consent to being placed on the Treasury Offset Program and State Finder.

**h. Forfeiture.**

(1) I agree to forfeit all property acquired from or traceable to my offense and all property that was used to facilitate my offense, including, but not limited to, the following specific property:

- Hauwei LYA-L29 cellular telephone, IMEI: 86910304671174
- Samsung Tablet, IMEI: 352087092258772

(2) I acknowledge that all property covered by this agreement is subject to forfeiture as property involved in illegal conduct giving rise to forfeiture.

(3) I agree that all such property may be forfeited in either an administrative, civil and/or criminal judicial proceeding. I agree that I will not make a claim to the property or otherwise oppose forfeiture in any such proceedings, and I will not help anyone else do so. If I have already made such a claim, I hereby withdraw it. I further agree that I will sign any necessary documents to ensure that clear title to the forfeited assets passes to the United States, and that I will testify truthfully in any judicial forfeiture proceeding. In addition, I agree that I will not make any claim to property forfeited by any other defendant in this case.

(4) I hereby waive any claims I may have against the United States regarding the seizure and forfeiture of the property covered by this agreement.

(5) I hereby waive the requirements regarding notice of the forfeiture in the charging instrument, announcement of the forfeiture at sentencing, and incorporation of the forfeiture in the judgment.

(6) I hereby waive any constitutional or statutory challenges to the forfeiture covered by this agreement, including that the forfeiture is an excessive fine or punishment.

13. I understand and agree that this plea agreement is solely between me and the United States Attorney for the District of Utah and does not bind any other federal, state, or local prosecuting, administrative, or regulatory authorities.

14. **Notice of Sex Offender Registration.** I know that under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, a federal law, I must register and keep the registration current in each of the following jurisdictions: the location of my residence, the location of my employment; and, if I am a student, the location of my school. Registration will require that I provide information that includes name, residence address, and the names and addresses of any places at which I am or will be an employee or a student. I understand that I must update my registrations not later than three business days after any change of name, residence, employment, or student status. I understand that failure to comply with these obligations subjects the defendant to prosecution for failure to register under federal law, 18 U.S.C. § 2250, which is punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both. I understand and agree that this plea agreement is solely between me and the United States Attorney for the District of Utah and does not bind any other federal, state, or local prosecuting, administrative, or regulatory authorities.

15. I understand that I have a right to ask the Court any questions I wish to ask concerning my rights about these proceedings and the plea.

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I make the following representations to the Court:

1. I am 31 years of age. My education consists of Some College.  
I Can [can/cannot] read and understand English.

2. This Statement in Advance contains all terms of the agreements between me and the United States; if there are exceptions, the Court will be specifically advised, on the record, at the time of my guilty plea of the additional terms. I understand the United States and I cannot have terms of this plea agreement that are not disclosed to the Court.



3. No one has made threats, promises, or representations to me that have caused me to plead guilty, other than the provisions set forth in this agreement.

4. Neither my attorney nor the United States has promised me that I would receive probation or any other form of leniency because of my plea.

5. I have discussed this case and this plea with my lawyer as much as I wish, and I have no additional questions.

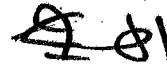
6. I am satisfied with my lawyer.

7. My decision to enter this plea was made after full and careful thought; with the advice of counsel; and with a full understanding of my rights, the facts and circumstances of the case and the consequences of the plea. I was not under the influence of any drugs, medication, or intoxicants when I made the decision to enter the plea, and I am not now under the influence of any drugs, medication, or intoxicants.

8. I have no mental reservations concerning the plea.

9. I understand and agree to all of the above. I know that I am free to change or delete anything contained in this statement. I do not wish to make changes to this agreement because I agree with the terms and all of the statements are correct.

DATED this 27 day of 9, 19.



Said El Bouazzaoui  
Defendant

I certify that I have discussed this plea agreement with the defendant, that I have fully explained his [her] rights to him [her], and that I have assisted him [her] in completing this written agreement. I believe that he [she] is knowingly and voluntarily entering the plea with full knowledge of his [her] legal rights and that there is a factual basis for the plea.

DATED this 27 day of Sept, 2019.

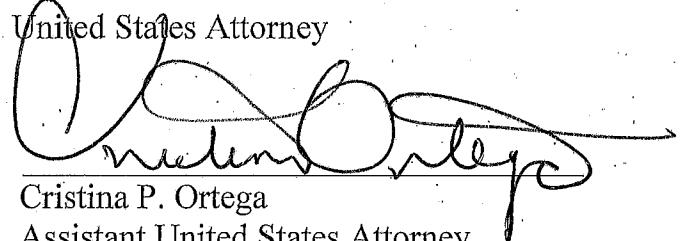


Wendy Lewis  
Attorney for Defendant

I represent that all terms of the plea agreement between the defendant and the United States have been, or will be at the plea hearing, disclosed to the Court, and there are no undisclosed agreements between the defendant and the United States.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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